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SALLY'S CURLIN CIRCLES FIELD TO WIN GRADE III, \$200,000 CHILUKKI

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019) – CJ Thoroughbreds, Left Turn Racing and Casner Racing's Sally's Curlin recorded her first stakes victory with a strong, late-closing kick to take the \$200,000 Chilukki (Grade III) on Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Ridden by leading rider **Corey Lanerie** and trained by Churchill Downs' all-time leading trainer **Dale Romans**, Sally's Curlin was relegated 7 ½ lengths off the early pacesetter **Cairenn** through a solid opening fractions of :23.39 and :46.47. While Cairenn was running solo on the lead, **Mylady Curlin**, **Divine Queen** and **She's Pretty Lucky** were chasing in second, third and fourth respectively. At the head of the lane, Lanerie tipped Sally's Curlin four wide while Mylady Curlin overtook Cairenn for the lead. In the final eighth mile, Lanerie was able to muscle past Mylady Curlin for a three-quarter length victory.

"She's a fun horse to ride with her late-closing kick," Lanerie said. She has a very long run. Most horses have a quicker turn of foot but this horse sustains a strong run for a quarter of a mile."

Sally's Curlin returned \$5.80, \$3.40 and \$2.40. Mylady Curlin, ridden by **Shaun Bridgmohan**, paid \$2.80, \$2.40 while Cairenn, with **Miguel Mena** in the irons, faded for third and paid \$4.20.

Sally's Curlin completed the one-mile Chilukki in 1:35.60. The victory marked Lanerie and Romans' third win in the Chilukki. The duo teamed up to win the 2014 Chilukki with **Molly Morgan**. Romans is now tied with **Rusty Arnold II** for the most victories in the Chilukki by a trainer.

She's Pretty Lucky, **Chocolate Martini** and Divine Queen completed the order of finish. **Still There** was scratched.

With her win in the Chilukki, Sally's Curlin has now won her last three races. Overall, the daughter of Curlin has four wins through nine starts with earnings of \$287,196.

Two races later, **Sagamore Farms' Recruiting Ready** led gate-to-wire to win in the \$123,602 Bet On Sunshine Overnight Stakes by 3 ¾ lengths.

Ridden by Lanerie and trained by **Stan Hough**, Recruiting Ready (\$5.20, \$3.40, \$2.60) broke **Junior College**'s stakes record by .01 by completing six furlongs in 1:08.81. Recruiting Ready broke sharply from the gate and was prompted on his outside by **Mr. Jagermeister** through a swift opening eighth-mile in :21.11. Around the far turn, Lanerie shook clear from Mr. Jagermeister and increased his lead through the stretch. **Do Share** (\$4.40, \$3.20), with **James Graham** in the irons, closed ground from 15 ¼ lengths off the pace to finish second while **Wilbo** (\$3.80) completed the trifecta with **Chris Landeros** in the saddle.

"He just showed a ton of speed like usual and he was very impressive throughout," Lanerie said.

Zipp On By, **New York Central**, **Mr. Jagermeister**, **Baterbatterswing** and **Bobby's Wicked One** completed the order of finish. **Cowboy Creed** and **Mr. Crow** were scratched.

Recruiting Ready improved his career record to 25-9-3-5 and boasts earnings of \$799,189.

Racing continues on Sunday with a first post of 1 p.m.

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CHILUKKI QUOTES

Corey Lanerie, jockey of SALLY'S CURLIN (winner): "She's a fun horse to ride with her late-closing kick. She has a very long run. Most horses have a quicker turn of foot but this horse sustains a strong run for a quarter of a mile. I got worried from the start when Divine Queen broke slow and left (Cairenn) on the lead by herself. I thought the pace may have been slower but it all worked out well. I'd really like to thank Dale and these owners for allowing me to ride this filly."

Dale Romans, trainer of SALLY'S CURLIN (winner): "I really do like this race – we've won it three times now. That lifts up the spirits a bit after yesterday's (Breeders' Cup Juvenile) result. This filly has really impressed us and she's only 3-years-old. She's really started to come into her own."

Shaun Bridgmohan, jockey of MYLADY CURLIN (runner-up): "She tried really hard to the wire and ran a solid race."

BET ON SUNSHINE QUOTES

Corey Lanerie, jockey of RECRUITING READY (winner): "He showed a ton of speed like usual and was very impressive throughout."

Stan Hough, trainer of RECRUITING READY (winner): "He ran a great effort tonight. He's a very speedy horse and always impresses on the lead. We may run him once more this year. There are a couple of spots we'll look at."

Norm Casse, trainer of DO SHARE (runner-up): "What a cool horse. He closed ground so fast late and ran a great effort."

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